National Weather Service Spring Flood Outlook

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Upfront Information

- There is a **below-normal risk** for spring flooding this year.

- Flooding this spring will be largely dependent on the location and intensity of additional precipitation and thunderstorms.

- The next outlook will be issued February 24th

Spring Flood Outlook Factors

As of February 10th

Flood Risk Contribution Factor	Contribution to Flood Risk
Snowpack (North and South Dakota)	Below-Normal
Snowpack (in Nebraska and Iowa)	Below-Normal
Snowpack (Missouri River headwaters)	Below-Normal
Snowpack (Platte River headwaters)	Normal
Soil Moisture	Below-Normal
Streamflow	Below-Normal
Frost Depth	Normal
Precipitation Outlook	Below-Normal

Flood Risk by River Basin

As of February 10th

River Basin	Flood Risk
Niobrara River	Below-Normal
Missouri River	Below-Normal
Platte River	Below-Normal
Elkhorn River	Below-Normal
Big Blue River	Below-Normal
Salt Creek	Below-Normal
Wahoo Creek	Near-Normal
Nishnabotna River	Below-Normal

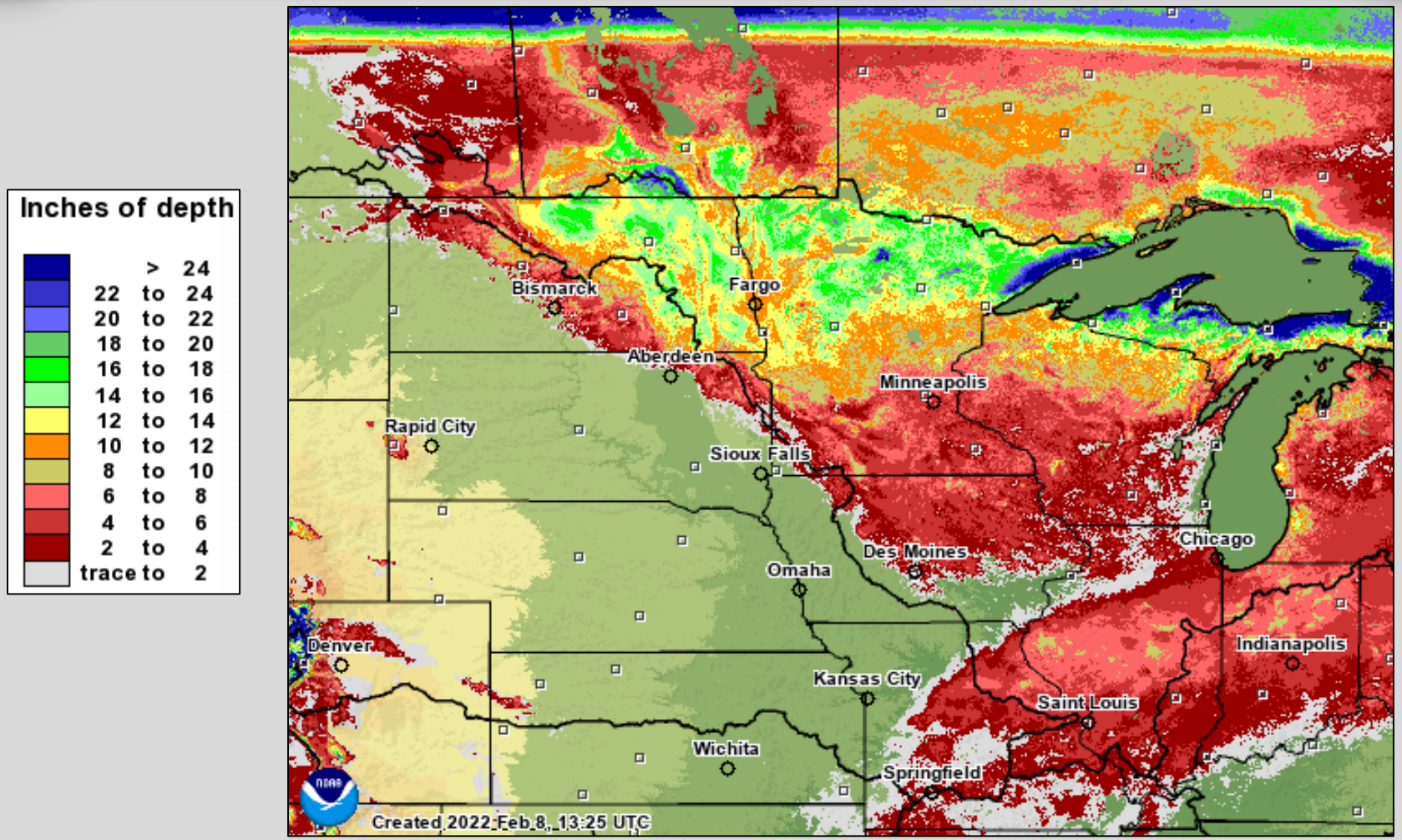
Rivers and associated tributaries not listed above are also below-normal.

Summary

- The overall flood risk for this spring is **below-normal** due to:
  - Below-normal soil moisture and winter precipitation, lack of snow cover, and ongoing drought conditions.
  - Mountain snowpack is below-normal in the Missouri River headwaters and near-normal in the Platte River headwaters.

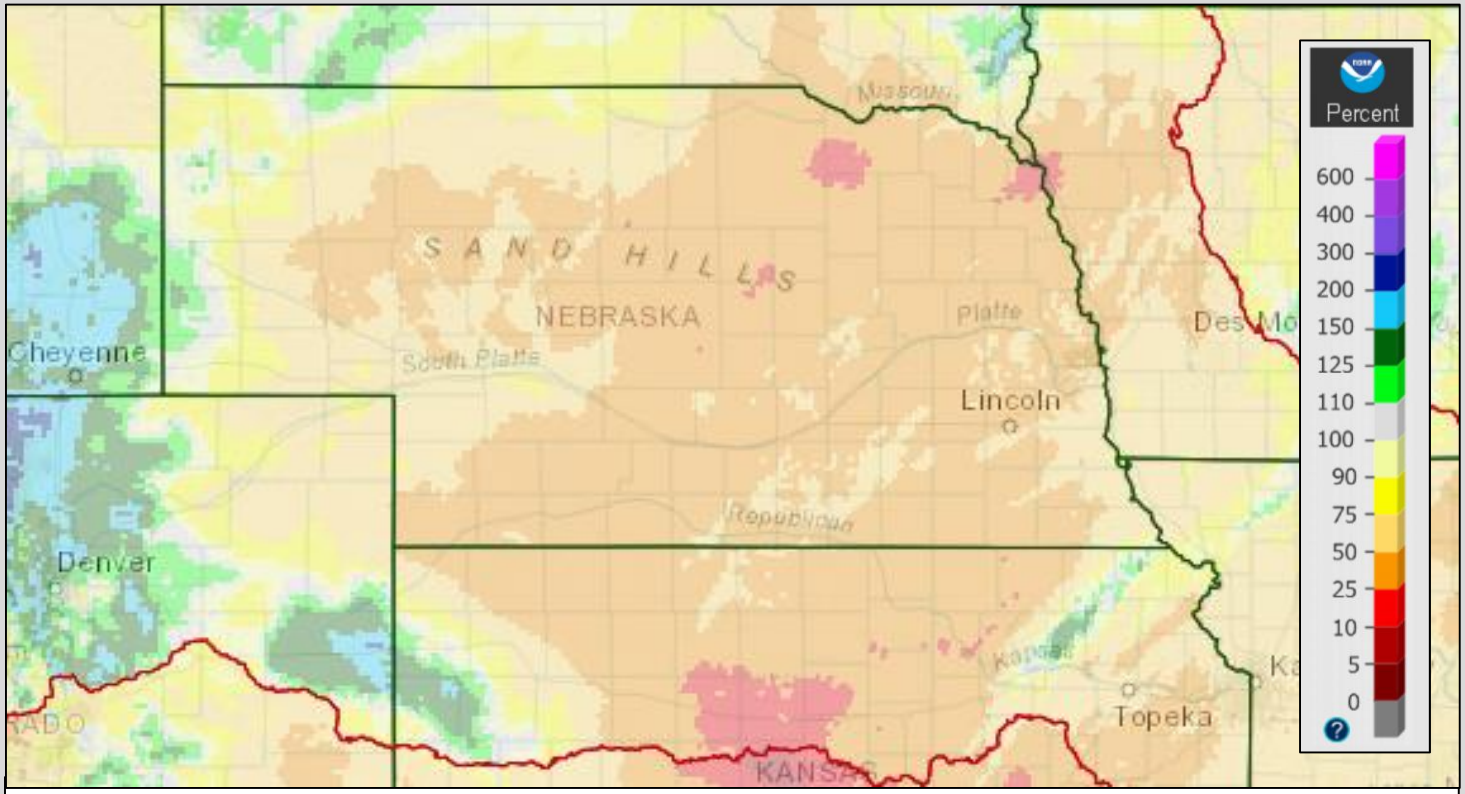
The following slides provide additional details for each flood risk.

Plains Snowpack



Most areas of the Plains within the Missouri River basin are snow-free.

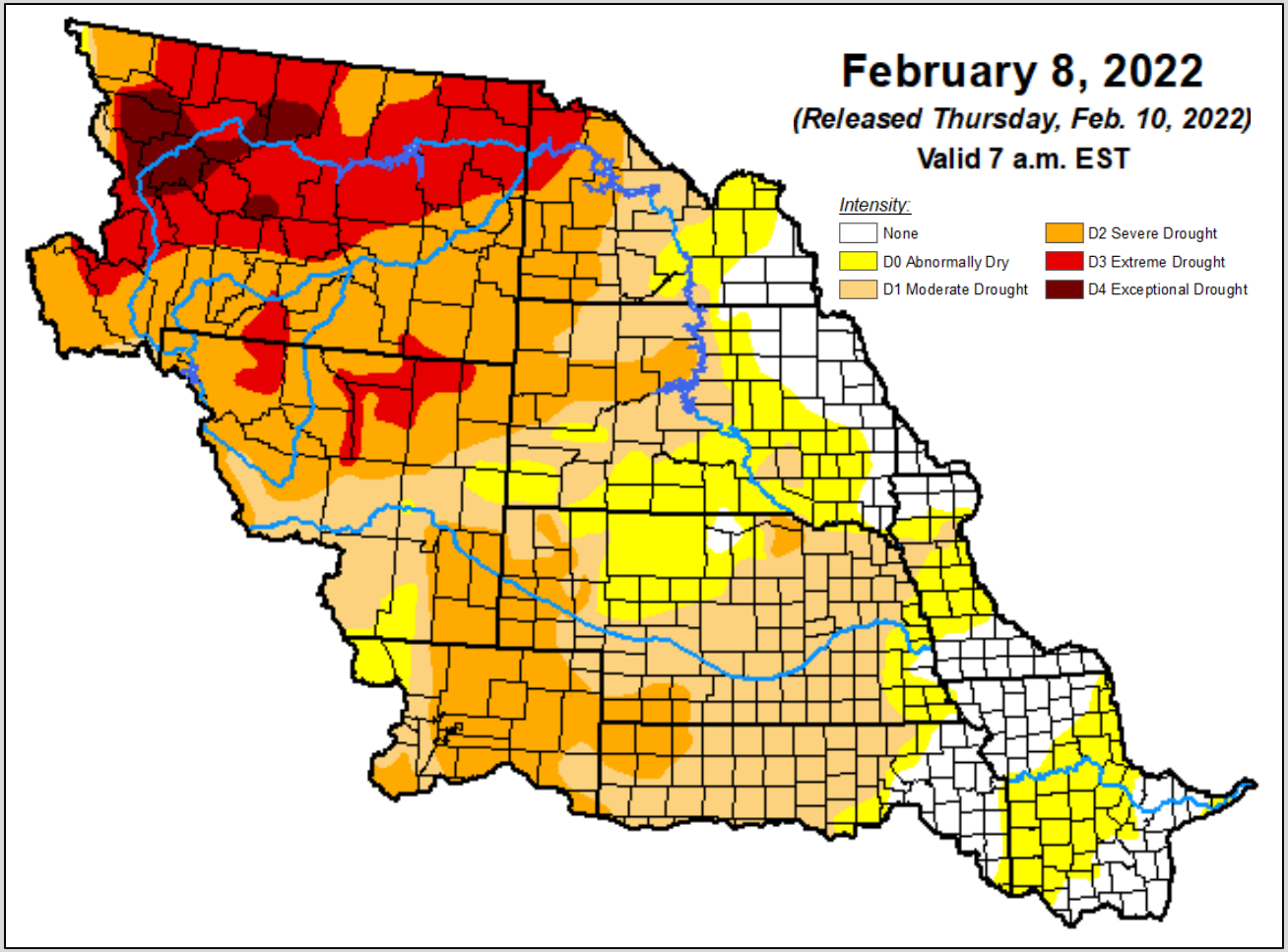
Winter Precipitation (compared to normal as a percentage)



Precipitation has been well below-normal this winter.

- Precipitation the past three months has been below-normal.

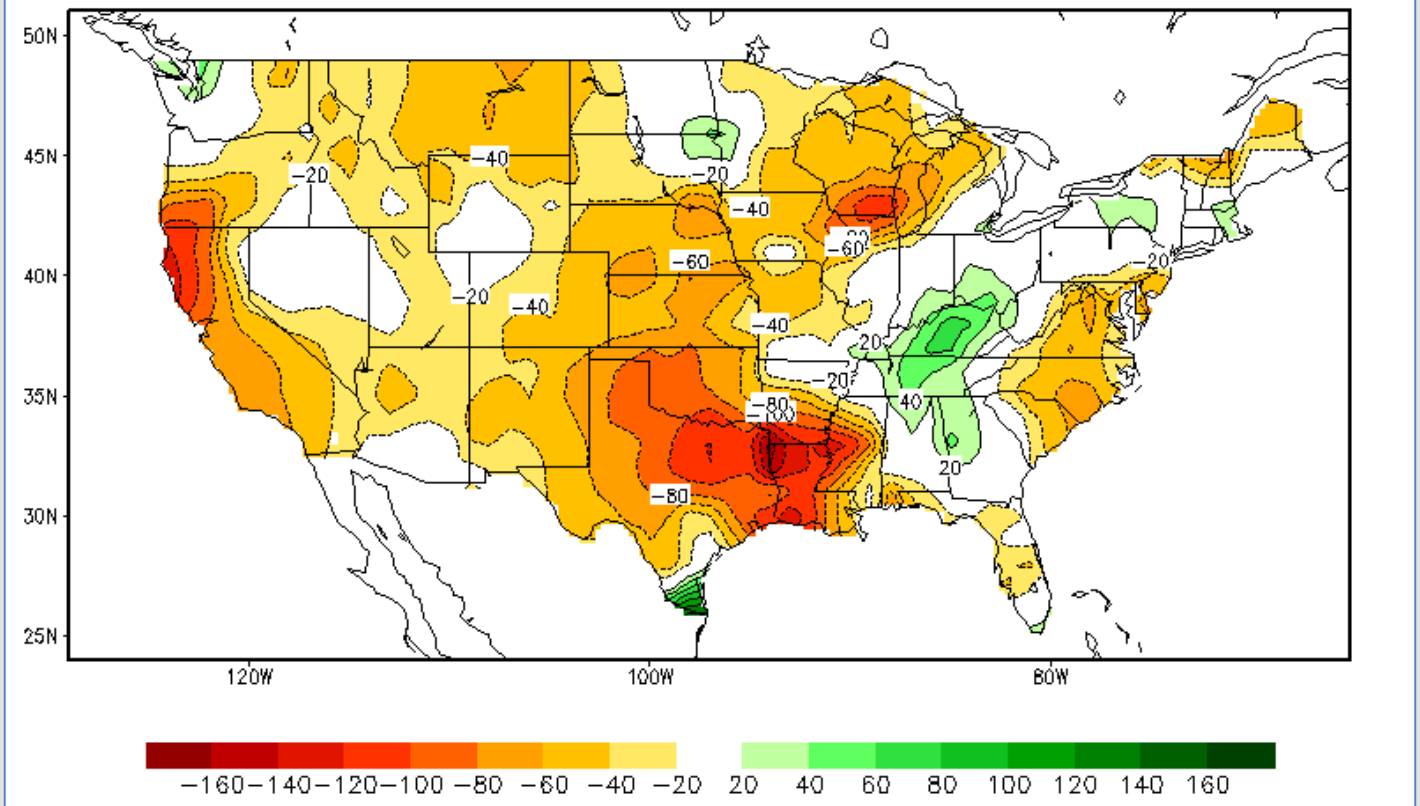
Drought Status



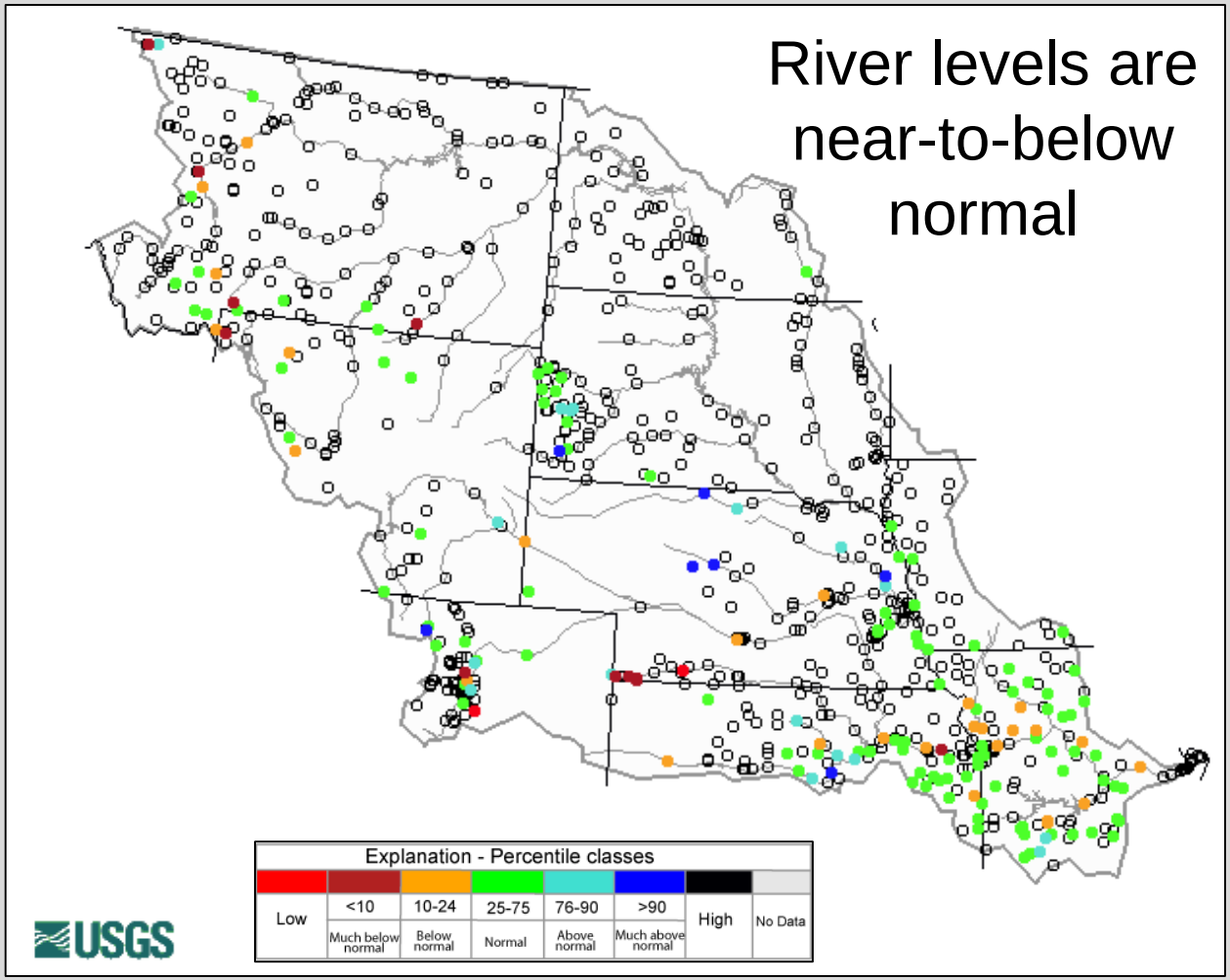
- Much of the Missouri River basin is in moderate to severe drought. This "dry condition" acts to lower the overall flood risk.

Soil Moisture

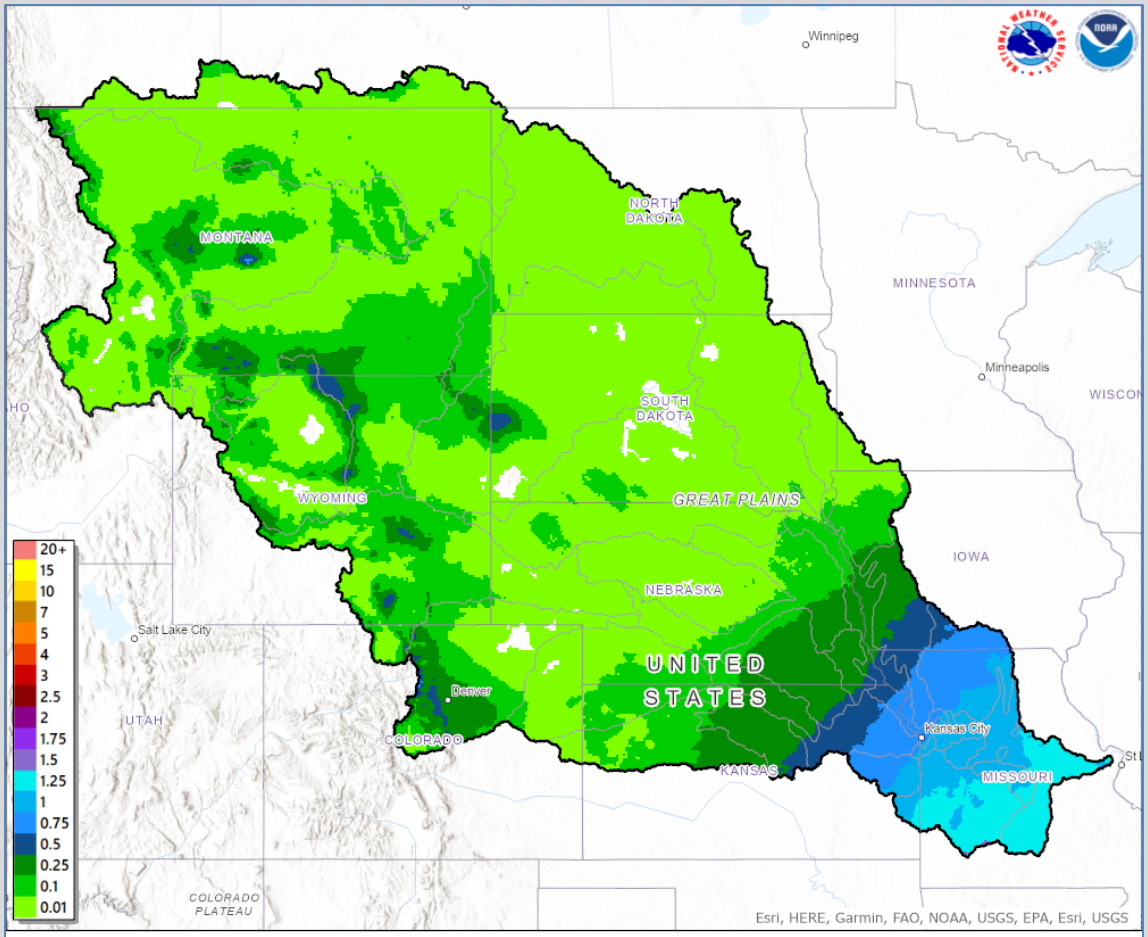
Soil moisture values are <u>below-normal</u> for eastern Nebraska and western Iowa.



Current Streamflow



Precipitation over the next 7 days



MBRFC 168-Hour Forecast Precipitation
Valid: 18Z 02/10/2022 - 18Z 02/17/2022

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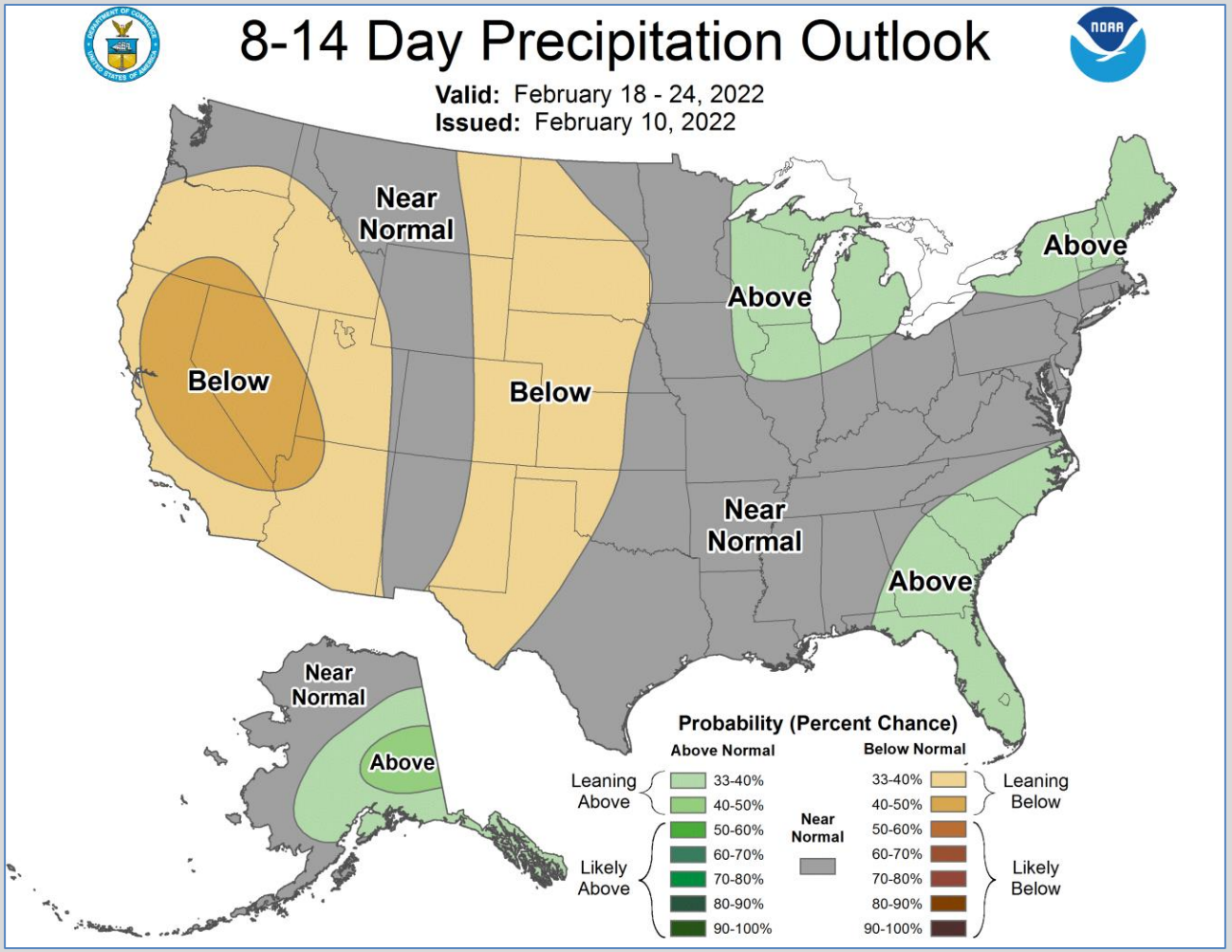
- Very little precipitation is expected the next 7 days.

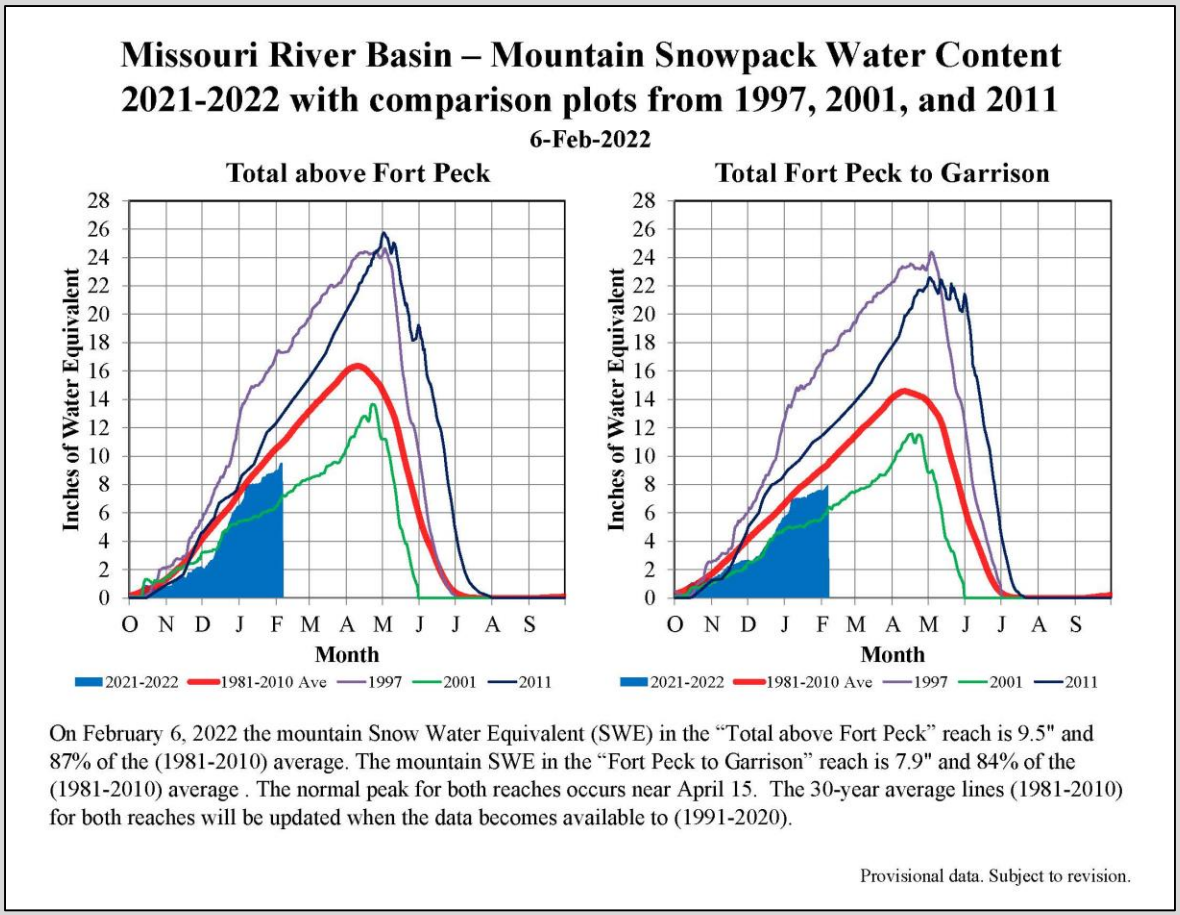
Weather Outlook

8-14 Day Outlook



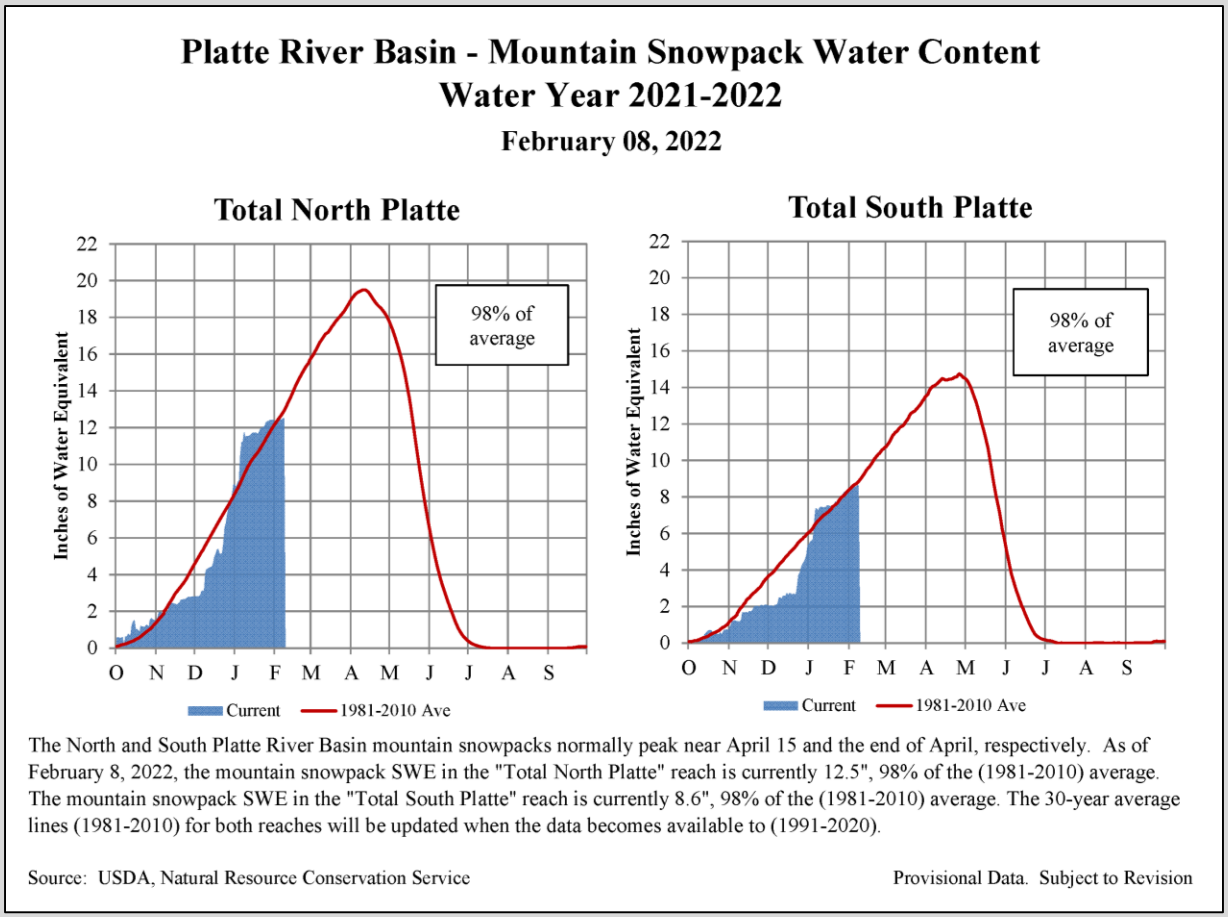
Precipitation will be below-normal for February 17th to the 23rd.

Mountain Snowpack (Missouri River)



- Mountain snowpack in the Missouri River headwaters is below-normal.

Mountain Snowpack (Platte River)



- Mountain snowpack in the Platter River headwaters is normal.

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